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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the SACWSD PFAS Drinking Water Treatment in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District (SACWSD), located at 6595 E. 70th Ave. Commerce City, CO 80037. The funding would be used to help construct an ion exchange treatment facility to remove per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from drinking water. Ion exchange is a leading and cost-effective solution for PFAS removal.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the benefits it will provide to the local community, to the regional water system and downstream users, and to the state in its entirety. The project will allow SACWSD continue to provide high-quality drinking water to a community that, historically, has been disproportionately impacted by environmental justice issues. Finally, since SACWSD first found PFAS in their water in 2018, the district has been looking for ways to meet regulations surrounding drinking water and PFAS. Federal funding for this project will help ease some of this burden off residents of Colorado's 8th district.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Yadira Caraveo, M.D. Member of Congress